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C O N F I D E N T I A L GENEVA 3158

E.O.11652: GDS  
TAGS: SREF  
SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES - - RESETTLEMENT IN THAILAND

REF: STATE 91762

1. MISOFF EXPLORED THOUGHTS CONTAINED REFTEL WITH  
DEPUTY UNHCR MACE AND UNHCR SOUTHEAST ASIAN DESK OFFICER  
GOBIUS THIS AFTERNOON. BOTH EXPRESSED COMPLETE CON-  
CURRENCE IN BASIC OBJECTIVE OF RESETTLING REMAINING  
REFUGEES IN THAILAND, SAYING THAT THIS ACCORDED  
ENTIRELY WITH UNHCR THINKING AND GOALS.

2. HOWEVER, THEY QUESTIONED WHETHER US OPTIMISM THAT  
THAIS WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO SUCH A PROGRAM AT THIS TIME  
IS WELL-FOUNDED. INDEED, GOBIUS SAID HE HAD RECEIVED  
NO INDICATION THUS FAR THAT OFFICE OF REFUGEE AFFAIRS IN MOI  
WAS ACTUALLY FUNCTIONING. THEY FELT THAT GOT  
WAS NOT YET READY TO ADMIT TO LOCAL RESETTLEMENT AS A POSSI-  
BILITY. IN THIS REGARD THEY SAID THEY WOULD AWAIT  
WITH GREAT INTEREST REACTION OF EMBASSY BANGKOK AND BERTA AS  
CONCERNS PROBABLE ATTITUDE OF GOT. IN ANY EVENT, UNHCR CON-  
SIDERED IT VITAL THAT ANY PERMANENT OR SEMI-PERMANENT RESETTLEMENT  
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SCHEME ENTAIL MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES BACK FROM BORDER AREAS, NOT  
ONLY FOR POLITICAL REASONS, AND LONG-STANDING UNHCR  
POLICY, BUT BECAUSE "EXPERTS" HAD RENDERED JUDGEMENTS  
THAT LANDS THEY NOW OCCUPY COULD NOT VIABLY SUPPORT  
ESTIMATED 50,000 RESIDUAL REFUGEES WOULD BE INVOLVED  
IN PROGRAM.

COMMENT: THRUST OF CONVERSATION WAS THAT UNHCR  
WOULD BE PREPARED TO JOIN IN PROGRAM OF THIS KIND, BUT  
HAD SERIOUS DOUBTS THAT IT WOULD GET OFF THE GROUND AT  
THIS TIME IN VIEW OF CONTINUING GOT OPPOSITION. END COMMENT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY BANGKOK'S JUDGEMENT AS  
TO ATTITUDE OF GOT TOWARD PROPOSAL, WITH INDICATION AS TO  
THOSE THOUGHTS THAT MIGHT BE SHARED WITH UNHCR. SORENSON

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